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LANGSHORNE STATION, READING RAILROAD.

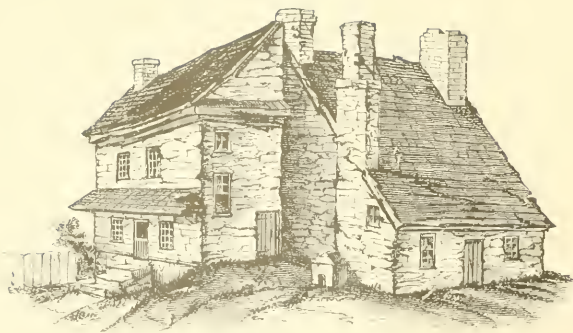
Langhorne, The name given of late years to the old town of Attleboro, is located on the ridge of Edge Hill on the Bound Brook Route to New York.

It has seventeen trains each way daily, frequent fast express trains making the distance from Philadelphia in from thirty-six to forty minutes. The Reading Railroad will undoubtedly, in a short time, be extended to Twelfth and Market Streets. The Pennsylvania is now building a road through the northern end of the borough, which, it is said, will connect with its Chestnut Hill branch and that the time made to Broad and Market will be the same as that now made by the Reading. The two railroads are only a mile and a half apart on either side of the town, thus giving its residents easy and convenient access by these two leading lines and their connections to all parts of the country.



RESIDENCE OF DAVID J. MATLACK.

THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE is located higher than any other suburban town between Philadelphia and New York. To the south it overlooks the Delaware River Valley with an unbroken view of from twelve to twenty-six miles. The towns of Trenton, Bordentown, Bristol, Burlington, Mt. Holly, Beverly, Torresdale, Andalusia and Riverton, are dotted over the picture, while the pines of Jersey meet the horizon in the distance and boats can be seen on the shining bosom of the Delaware which winds through the centre. This view is over a beautiful and prosperous country of which the eye never tires and is pronounced by unbiassed visitors as unequalled by any in the environs of Philadelphia, while to the north the beauty-famed Neshaminy winds at its base and the view gradually ascends to the Blue mountains making one of the most magnificent and charming rural views, intersected with woods and hills of exceptional beauty, that is possible to find anywhere.



"LANGHORNE MANOR."—(1861)

THIS high, healthy and charming location was settled as early as 1684 by prominent families of the Society of Friends and its land has been held by succeeding generations of these families and is now occupied by an intelligent, prosperous and law abiding community, thus making a safe environment for growing families, having good schools and all the conveniences of comfortable living. Its healthfulness has long been noted and many prominent citizens have yearly shown their appreciation of it by filling every place in it and its surroundings in their summer search for rest, health, and recreation.



RESIDENCE OF ALFRED MARSHALL

IMPRESSED with the unusual attractions Langhorne presented for suburban homes a few of those who had enjoyed them for successive summers, conceived the idea of buying the five farms between the Borough and the station, on the top and south slope of "Langhorne Hill," and dividing them into tracts to suit their needs as well as those of others who might wish to purchase. These farms comprised over 600 acres including the famous "Langhorne Park." It was proposed not to build a town but to divide the tract into villa sites of from one to ten acres. Having fully matured their plans, the purchase was made early in 1886, by a corporation called The Langhorne Improvement Company.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. R. BERGER.

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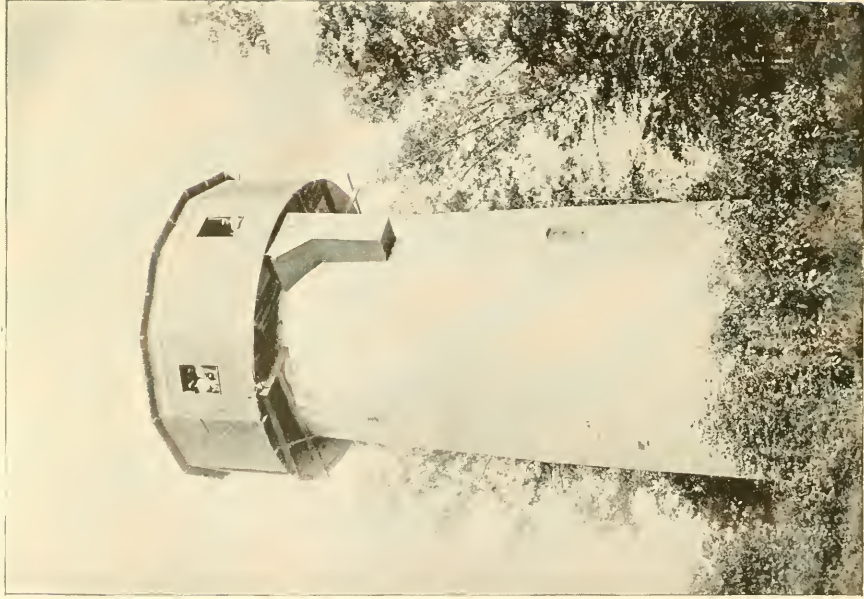
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GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Esq., and JOSEPH M. PILE, Esq., were appointed to draw up a form of deed which should guard purchasers from unpleasant surroundings for all time. The quality of houses to be built was kept above certain limits. No intoxicating drinks can ever be sold on the premises. The avenues are sixty feet wide and the building line thirty feet from the front, thus assuring 120 feet between houses on opposite sides of street. These and other requirements, such as any well-minded man would desire, are so engrafted in the deeds that they will hold "forever," and will prevent the surroundings from becoming unattractive or depleting the future value of the home.



WATER TOWER, LANGHORNE SPRING WATER CO

RECOGNIZING at once the necessity of an abundant supply of pure water, and owning never-failing springs of soft water, they early formed the Langhorne Spring Water Company and erected water-works in the most substantial manner and laid mains through the avenues of the Improvement Company and also through the old town of Langhorne. The Water Company now has over five miles of pipes laid and owns forty-two acres of land which surrounds the springs, thus securing the water from pollution for all time, while the supply is ample for a century to come.



PUMPING STATION. LANGHORNE SPRING-WATER CO.

WITH a personal knowledge of the advantages of their location, with an abiding faith that they would be equally attractive to their friends, when called to their attention, the members of the Improvement Company proceeded to develop their property upon the most liberal plans, and large sums of money were expended in permanent improvements, that would contribute to the comfort of residents for all time. Avenues were laid out, macadamized, planted with trees, water-pipes laid, grounds graded, and all the improvements were made in such a substantial manner as reflected credit upon its owners and at once attracted solid people who made Langhorne their rural home.



RESIDENCE OF ALLEN R. MITCHELL

THE following are some of the owners of property at Langhorne,
bought since the Improvement Company took hold of its beautiful
hills :

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JNO. WILDMAN,
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SAML. R. SHIPLEY,
EDW. M. WISTAR,
RICH'D GRIFFITH,
JNO. B. WOOD,
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D. W. EDWARDS,
JOSEPH ASHBROOK,
and many others.



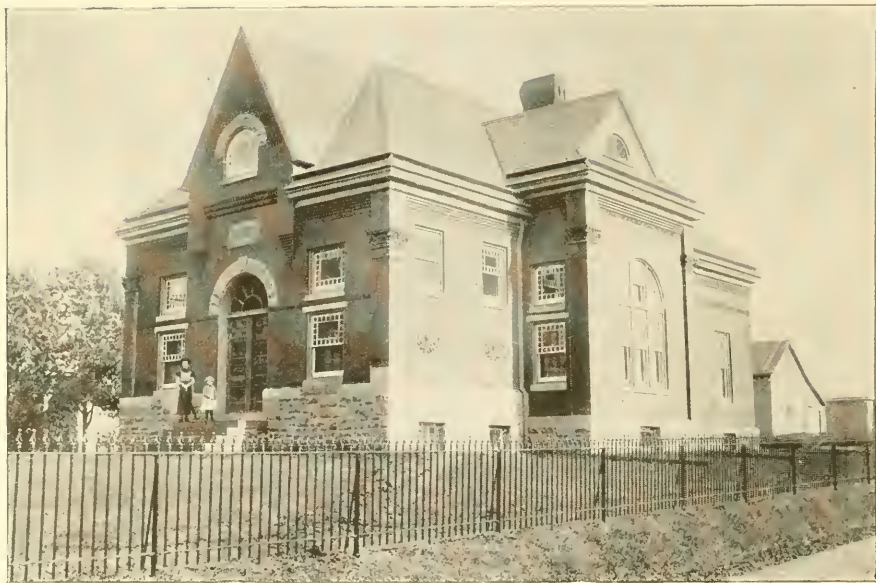
LANGHORNE ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

SO large an influx of people who had the ability to supply their suburban homes with all the comforts of living, soon created a demand for the most improved system of lighting. An Electric Light Company was formed and is now in successful operation, supplying light for both streets and houses at a reasonable figure. Bellevue Avenue is lighted all night for a distance of two miles, while the whole side hill is brilliantly lighted through its various avenues.



INGHORNE MANOR, 1864

DESIRING that their friends, who for various reasons were not able to locate permanently at Langhorne, might have a choice, select and beautiful place to make their summer stay, a number of gentlemen interested, in the summer of 1888, bought from the Improvement Company twenty-six acres of its finest land and erected thereon one of the most complete and finely finished and furnished summer hotels to be found in Eastern Pennsylvania. It has an open lawn, sloping to the railroad, a background of towering oaks, and overlooks a lake of three acres in extent, which is fed from a cool, sparkling spring near the building. It is always breezy on its wide piazzas, from which the view is a delightful one. It is the aim of its projectors to have everything in and about it truly first-class.



THE WILLIAMSON LIBRARY.

LANGHORNE has always been noted for its large percentage of educated people. It has an excellent public library, which has recently moved into its new building, the fund for which was left by the late Anna Mary Williamson, who also left a considerable sum for the purchase of new books of the more worthy sort. The officers are progressive and it is one of the attractions of the place.

It is now stated that the John M. George School will be located within two and a-half miles of Langhorne. This is under the management of the Hlicksite Branch of the Society of Friends, has an endowment of over half a million dollars and under its guarded care will be a good school.

The very best protection for society is a large community of intelligent and law-abiding people, such as are settled at Langhorne, as the ignorant and the vicious do not seek to enter where public opinion is so universally against them.



RESIDENCE OF J. ROBERTS FOULKE.

LANGHORNE has then all the attractions possible
For a home in the country;
Two leading Railroads with plenty of trains;
A high, healthy and beautiful location;
An orderly, intelligent and hospitable community;
Pure spring water, electric lights, telephone;
Good stores, schools, churches, right at hand.
And altho' these sound so much like the city,
You are in the *country*,
On the Improvement Company's grounds,
You always will be.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES HILL

THERE have been many elegant residences built at Langhorne. There are many of our best people living at Langhorne. We have the attraction of the country with city conveniences at Langhorne. We have a good thing, we know it, we want you to know it. Some of the finest tracts at Langhorne are not yet taken. They will never be lower in price than now, and when occupied by some one else are gone from *you*.

We cannot produce such hills and views, and woods again for you. There have been many happy homes made at Langhorne. There has been much money made in land at Langhorne. We can sell you tracts of from one to twenty acres, on which to build just such homes, or we can sell you land in which you can invest your money with prospects of larger returns than ever before, with less risk, for Langhorne's future is bright, it has everything to command success.



RESIDENCE OF BENJAMIN F. TAYLOR

Ye Ancient History.

JEREMIAH LANGHORNE from whom the place takes its name, was a man of much importance in the county. He was a member of the Assembly for many terms—was a chief justice of the Province. He was a large land owner. His manor contained about eight hundred acres and was known as Langhorne Park (this is the ground between the old town and railroad now owned by the Langhorne Improvement Company). He was a large owner of negroes, but at his death in 1742, freed them all. In addition, he directed houses to be built for some of them and fifty acres of land given to each for use during life. Others were given life estates in lands in Warwick Township. We find the Indians when they felt they had not been fairly dealt with by Thomas Penn and his agents in the matter of the “Walking Purchase” declaring their intention of appeal to Jeremiah Langhorne. He appears to have been a man of more than usual ability, of unblemished integrity, whose “life was useful and valuable and whose death was a great and universal loss to the provinces.”

The First Temperance Meeting held at Langhorne.

From the Minutes of the Middleton Monthly Meeting, 1687, (held at Langhorne)

It being recommended to us from ye Quarterly meeting at Philadelphia, ye great and bad effects that has appeared by selling ye Indians rum or other strong liquors, and a paper being by them presented, which was read amongst us relating thereto—which upon due consideration was approved of—and in concurrence therewith give forth this following testimony :—Being duly sensible and heartily grieved with the abuses of this nature that is too frequent up and down amongst us, especially in that some goes under the profession of truth (whom it was expected should have been better example) wee fear is not wholly clear of it : Therefore wee give forth this as our sence—that ye practice of selling of rum or other strong liquors to ye Indians, directly or indirectly, or exchanging rum or other strong liquors for any goods or merchandise with them (considering the abuse they make of it) is a thing contrary to ye mind of ye Lord and great grief and burthen to his people, and a great reflection and dishonor unto ye truth, so far as any professing it is concerned—and for ye more effectually preventing this evill practice as aforesaid we advise that this our testimony may be entered in every Monthly Meeting Book—and every friend belonging to ye Monthly meeting go to subscribe ye same. Signed at and in ye behalf of ye meeting by

ANTHONY MORIS.

The Signers of the Foregoing Minute.

Were Nicholas Waln, Edmond Cutler, John Crosdill, John Swift, John Towne, John Austin, Robert Hall, John Naylor, John Tayler, Henry Daynter, William Paxton, Ezra Crosdill, Jonathan Scarfe, Thomas Stackhouse, Jr., William Crosdill, Walter Bridgeman, John Cowgill, James Dillworth, James Paxton, James Radcliffe, Shadrach Whalley, Joseph Sharpe, Jo. Eastborne, William Hayhurst, Stephen Sandes, Henry Purlin, Thomas Harding, Robert Heaton, Peter White, Thomas Stackhouse, Samuel Coate, Edward Carter, John White, Nathaniel Harding, John Penquite, Abraham Wharley, Daniel Allin, James Boyden, Will. Plumley. Martin Wildman, Daniel Doane, Thos. Baynes, Stephen Twining, William Twining.

In addition to these temperance Friends, the following were some others living here at that time, whose families have been prominent: Henry Baker, Edmund Bennett, Elizabeth Potts, John Otter, Thomas Jenks, Thomas Janney, Isaiah Watson, William Cooper, John Eastburn, William Blakey, Joshua Woolston, "the ancestors of the families of Bunting, Blakey, Taylor, Yardley, Crosdale, Knowles, Swain, Buzby, Watson, Knight, Mills, Dennis, Bunting, Warner, Stapler, Gillam, Kirkbride, Palmer, Jenks, Woolston, Griscom, Satterthwaite, Gummere, Paxson, Mitchell, and Deacon."

WE have stated some of the many advantages of Langhorne for permanent suburban homes. These and many others are *here* and must be seen as a whole to be fully appreciated. In three years past we have not spent fifty dollars in advertising Langhorne, because we believed "good wine needs no bush" and because we were unwilling to make the extravagant promises and statements that were made of other suburban places. Yet we challenge comparison with any other place as to the high quality of the families living happily at Langhorne. We want you to see it and by personal application at **Room 501 Provident Building**, at a day's notice yourself and friends will be furnished with Excursion Tickets to Langhorne and will be shown the attractions of the neighborhood. If you do not want to buy you may have friends who do.

Any Information as to Langhorne Property can be had of

SAMUEL C. EASTBURN,

Secretary and Superintendent

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MANY of the fast trains between Philadelphia and New York stop regularly at Langhorne, and the Local service between Philadelphia and Langhorne is quite frequent and the time of trains is arranged to meet the requirements of all classes of travelers.

The schedule for the Summer of 1890, will be so arranged as to provide a perfect train service for the residents of this place. For schedule of trains now in effect, consult newspapers or time tables which can be procured at all ticket offices.

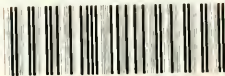
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